Pepsi Cola

650. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi Cola Company propose to enter into a collaboration with the Tatas;

(b) whether the agreement is based on exports of Agro-based products;

(c) whether the Tatas are not capable of exporting these items on their own; and

(d) how soft drink concentrates are connected with the exports of Agro-based products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government have not received any proposal in this regard either from pepsi cola company or from Tatas. However, M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited have submitted a composite application for aproval for manufacture of various processed Foods in financial participation with one of the Tata Companies and M/s. Pepsico Incorporated of USA.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of reply to part (a).

Foreign collaboration in industries

651. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a list of industries in which foreign collaboration is allowed;

(b) whether soft drinks is one of them; and

(c) what are the grounds on which a Pepsi Cola proposal is being examined?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Application received from M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for collabroration with M/s. PEPSICO Incorporated, USA, for manufacture of various processed foods, is presently under examination like any other application received by Government.

New drug policy

652. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since formulated the new drug policy; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the new drug policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Wage revision in respect of Public Sector Drug Units

653. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing wage revision agreements in respect of (i) Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (ii) Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (iii) Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. were intended to be operative for a period of four years.

(b) whether the Companies referred to in part (a) above have submitted their charter of demands after the expiry of the said period;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to have a uniform wage structure and other service conditions in all these three Companies mentioned above, and if so, what are the details thereof?